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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am writing to encourage your speedy review and approval of Qwest's application to the Federal Communications Commission to offer long distance services in Oregon.

As a small business person in the Portland area and a user of long distance, local services and the internet I want to be able to buy all of these services from one vendor-regardless of whether I choose Qwest or not. With more competition in long distance services, I believe the costs for all services will decrease and service quality will get better.

Approval of Qwest's long distance application in Oregon is an important step toward more local competition, the delivery of better service, and lower prices. I read about your approval last month of nine other states in the west that are now benefiting from Qwest's ability to provide long distance services and I want Oregon to have the same option.

I encourage your timely review and support of the application that was filed January 15th, and **look** forward to the additional choices that will bring.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Bronte, President Bronte Appraisal, Inc.

cc:

Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary c/o Vistronix, Inc. 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE Suite 110 Washington, DC 20002 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

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